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"ROAD RUNNER"

A WSACE and CRAB Newsletter

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April 2002

Presidential Proclamation #4 by Randy Casteel, P.E.

I just got back from sunny San Diego and the NACE 2002 Annual Meeting and Management & Technical Conference. Our Association had quite a contingent of folks present to support Gary Rowe, outgoing NACE President, as he passed on the gavel. The management and technical program was well put together and covered a lot of the issues that we are all dealing with. The exhibit show was quite impressive with approximately 80 exhibitors present. The annual awards banquet was a hoot - everyone enjoyed it. At the annual awards banquet Kent Cash, our NACE representative, presented Gary with a Resolution of Appreciation from our Association for his hard work and dedication to NACE and WSACE. All in all it was a great conference and a great time!

To all my friends at WSACE I want to thank you for a great year.

Gary Rowe

New Field RAPPERS

Proposed projects for the 2003 – 2005 biennium are all in and getting a look-over by CRAB staff. Three CRABs will be involved this cycle, including Walt Olsen for the SW region, Larry Pearson for the NE region, and Randy Hart for the SE, PS and NW regions. Walt and Larry's eyes are now fully calibrated to handle the worse roads you can dish out. (We're not so sure about their backs). They're very eager nonetheless, and we know you (the counties) will oblige them with some real nasty surface conditions.

Balancing the RAP balance

The RATA balance has remained at about \$24 million through this the down season for payout load. We anticipate a draw on the balance this summer. The schedules for county projects have solidified over the last year or so since RATA funds are in a planned scarcity mode. Next biennium's allocation will fill out construction years 2006 through 2009.

\$3.6 million for new and partially funded projects.

The current RAP array will see its last infusion of funds at the April CRABoard meeting. This means the list of partially funded projects will be set for inclusion in next biennium's arrays. CRAB will fund these projects first then new projects will be funded in rank order with the remaining estimated revenue.

To the WSACE Membership:

Several years ago you, the Washington State Association of County Engineers, selected me to serve as your representative on the NACE Board of Directors. Your support over the past years led me to be Western Region Vice President and through the offices to the position of NACE president. The support and encouragement of WSACE these past few years have been great and I want to thank you. I especially want to thank all of you who have attended NACE conferences because your involvement has made it all the more enjoyable.

Committee on Terrorism

In January of 2000, through the state's Emergency Management Council, Governor Locke appointed the Committee on Terrorism (CoT). The CoT has been working to develop a statewide terrorism response strategy and to address Department of Justice grant requirements for purchasing equipment to supplement the efforts of first responders.

The CoT established five sub-committees: Equipment; Training; Information; Intelligence; and Grants and Resources, to work on standards, information, and many other issues. The CoT has recently determined that the areas of Public Health and Infrastructure also need to be addressed. The CoT established a task force for each of these new areas, and has determined that representation from our field of activity is critical for this endeavor.

Due to the size of the Infrastructure Task Force and its broad field of expertise, sub-groups will be formed in the areas of Transportation, Utilities, and Facilities. The CoT has asked charter CoT member Terry Simmonds, of the Department of Transportation, to chair this Task Force and Walt Olsen of WSCRAB will chair the Transportation Sub Group.

The first meeting will be held Monday, February 4, 2002, in Olympia. This meeting will consist of: providing background information about the CoT; introduction of participants; developing a mission statement for the Task Force; scope of work; organizational structure; and other issues. Please call Walt if you have any ideas or suggestions for improving the preparedness of the transportation system to respond to emergencies and disasters.

Backlog Crashes

CRAB has received the backlog Crash data for 1998, 1999, and 2000. The purpose of this is so all local agencies have all the available information for the upcoming HES call for projects. The data is available in a spreadsheet so you can sort it to find your HES-eligible locations. A new inventory in CRIS will be available soon so you can upload the information and work with it in CRIS. H&LP has a program that will allow you to view the data and

print useful reports. Also provided are the Citizen's Collision Reports for your information.

Backlog Roadlog Update

CRAB apologizes for the delay in the Roadlog Update analysis. Our highly competent staff has been busy on other projects, now completed. You should start receiving your Roadlog Update approvals soon. For those who have not yet submitted their Roadlog Update, the deadline is May Fools Day!

County Freight and Goods System

The County Freight and Goods System - 2002 Status Report has been completed. You will receive your copy soon, along with the WSDOT Freight and Goods Transportation System (FGTS) Update (June 2001).

Announcing the New and Improved CRAB Website

CRAB is pleased to introduce you to the new CRAB website (<http://www.crab.wa.gov>). The transition to our new site should be totally transparent to you, the user. The web site will automatically use your existing favorites address for CRAB without any intervention. We have tried to take the best of what was in the old site, rework it to make it more accessible, and then to introduce some new features to help improve your ability to find what you need.

Besides the new look, there are a number of new resources for you to peruse. Check out the new navigation tools on the left hand margin. All lead to links to other CRAB and transportation related links. Notice the new "Recent Updates" and "Quick Clicks" links as well as the archives that will grow over time for both, as well as the "Current Events" calendar posted right up front where it can be easily found.

Let us know how you like the new format...improvements or additions you'd like to see, or just thoughts on how we can better serve your needs and wants. Give the webmaster a shout at: webmaster@crab.wa.gov, and we'll try to meet reasonable needs as soon as possible.

Employment Opportunities

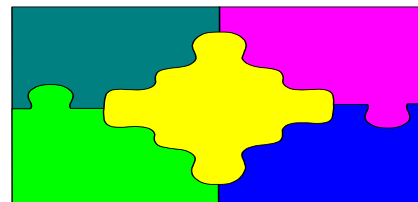
Cowlitz County – Engineering Tech III

Cowlitz County is accepting applications for the position of Engineer III. This is an exempt professional civil engineering position that provides a broad range of engineering and planning services to all divisions of Public Works (road engineering & maintenance, stormwater, water, sewer, diking, solid waste, parks). Administers projects; collaborates with programmatic and comprehensive planning; reviews development plans; prepares reports and makes presentations; and supervises other assigned engineering and technical staff.

Requirements:

1. Bachelor's degree with major course work in civil engineering or a related field, and four (4) years of broad-based experience in civil engineering that would ensure the knowledge required for the duties of the job, Or, any combination of education, training, and experience that would ensure successful performance.
2. Possess and maintain a Professional Engineer License from the state of Washington or a state having reciprocity with Washington, and obtain reciprocity licensing within one year of employment.
3. Possess and maintain a valid unrestricted driver's license (except for vision).

Salary: \$4,725 - \$4,988 - \$5,250 per month, depending upon experience and qualifications. Application and job description can be obtained by visiting Administrative Services at 207 Fourth Ave., North, Kelso, WA; by calling (360) 577-3065 or TDD (360) 577-3061; or by visiting our website: www.co.cowlitz.wa.us. *Applications must be*



returned to Administrative Services. This position will remain open until filled. EOE.

Dates to Remember

April 2002

- 1 2001 Annual Certs, Construction, and CAPP Reports due to CRAB
- 8-9 NWPMA Spring Conf, Spokane
- 11-12 WSAC Western District Conf, Rosario
- 17-18 Trans. Commission, Olympia
- 18-19 CRABoard, Olympia
- 25-26 WSAC Eastern District Conf, Sun Mountain

May 2002

- 1 Roadlog Due to CRAB
- 1 Surface Condition Ratings Due to CRAB
- 15-16 Trans. Commission, Olympia
- 17 WSACE E-Board Mtg, CRAB Office
- 23-24 TIB, Walla Walla
- 27 Memorial Day - Observed

June 2002

- 18-20 WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue
- 19-20 Trans. Commission, Olympia
- 30 Complete RAP Visual Ratings of Preliminary Prospectuses

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